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REMARKS

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1. On 5 November 1952, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz, was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 9:30 a.m., one officer and 70 EM, half of which were armed with rifles and the other half with submachine guns, marched out of the installation in the direction of Zeisigwald (woods). Between 10 a.m. and noon, firing of pistols was heard from the northwest section of the installation.

2. On 5 November, the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied by an estimated 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and a few female officers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] the unit quartered there was equipped with heavy AA guns and searchlights. New searchlights which were larger than the searchlights seen previously have been observed since October. In the night of 5 November, a practice with searchlights and guns took place in the barracks yard. [REDACTED] the new searchlights had a larger light intensity than the ones previously seen. In the morning of 5 November, almost no activity was observed in the installation. At about 4 p.m., four detachments of 1 officer and 25 NCOs each marched to the apartment houses opposite the installation. Numerous officers also went there. [REDACTED] that the AAA unit stationed there consisted of four companies, with 25 NCOs and about 125 EM to each company. Motor vehicles leaving and entering the installation

3. On 5 November, the west section of the barracks installation in Ebersdorf was occupied by 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia. [REDACTED] the quartering buildings on both sides of the main gate housed officers, while the quartering building situated rearward and on the east side was occupied by M and that on the west side, by a hospital. About 100 troops were drilling without arms and 50 troops engaged in physical training in the barracks yard.

4. On 5 November, the occupation of the east section of the barracks installation in Ebersdorf was not clear [REDACTED] Almost no activities were observed. [REDACTED] the installation could have been occupied by 100 as well as 400 troops. It was the impression that part of the unit stationed there was absent on 5 November. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets. Two officers who left the installation stepped into sedans [REDACTED]

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5. A new hall, 20 x 8 meters, was being built on an old basement between the two halls known previously in the damaged area of the barracks installation of the former observation battalion in Ibersdorf. The new hall was being provided with four wooden gates. Several trucks, [redacted] which later left the installation, were seen in front of the hall. The two old halls were guarded by one sentry each who wore red-bordered black epaulets.⁴

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6. Prior to 22 October, the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse in Chemnitz was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Three units each of 80 troops armed with rifles were seen entering the installation on 20 October. On 21 October, five trucks [redacted] were seen engaged in driving practice. The installation quartered about 20 trucks. [redacted]

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7. Prior to 22 October, the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse was occupied by an estimated 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 200 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. About 20 trucks and 5 searchlights with a diameter of about 120 cm were in the installation. [redacted]

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8. Prior to 31 October, the east section of the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ibersdorf was occupied by an estimated 450 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while the west section of the installation quartered about 350 to 400 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Twenty trucks were in the west section. The installation was guarded by soldiers wearing either black-bordered black epaulets or red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, with the service color of the sentries alternating every third day. In the morning of 27 October, about 30 troops were seen maintaining 10 trucks, while about 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were training at squad level. On 28 October, about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets engaged in marksmanship training with rifles. Music from a military band was heard from the east section of the installation. On 30 October, about 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in training with rifles at squad level in the barracks yard. In addition to numerous motor vehicles

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[redacted] the drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen leaving and entering the installation. [redacted] the drivers of which wore black-bordered black epaulets, were seen en route to the ammunition depot.³

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9. During the period from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 28 October, a troop train consisting of 13 converted boxcars and about 35 flatcars with sideracks was loaded with about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 25 to 30 officers, 10 x 85-mm AA guns, 8 x 37-mm AA guns [redacted]

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25X1 1. [] Comment. The MGB regiment stationed in the west section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse is confirmed by weapons []

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25X1 2. [] Comment. The elements of the 6th Gds AA Div (US) stationed in the east section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse are confirmed by AA guns, service color []
 25X1 ? 7 and 9 of the present report. The strength figures given for the occupation of the installation and its quartering capacity indicate, however, that not more than half of the division can be carried there, alternating with the other half of the division employed in the uranium mining area. The train observed [] as well as a train on 28 October []
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25X1 3. [] Comment. A motor transport unit of the Wismut A.G. (corporation) and an unidentified engineer unit are again confirmed in the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf. Available information indicates that the installation also housed administration offices of the Wismut A.G. and a military band. See
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25X1 4. [] Comment. The condition of the buildings of the barracks installation of the former observation battalion, east of the barracks installation in Ebersdorf, is known. The installation is believed to serve as an ammunition or equipment depot of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US). []

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